

Practices That Work!

Reason for starting the innovative practice

The sustainability of the agriculture-based economy is already threatened by the denudation of the Libungan-Alamada River Watershed which supplies water for irrigation, domestic consumption, cultivation of staple and permanent crops, and the growth of agri-based enterprises. Aggravating the problem is the current fragmented (sectoral) approach of national government programs in the watershed. By optimizing the LGU mandates in the Local Government Code and the initial technical assistance provided by GOLD, the 5 municipalities comprising the Libungan-Alamada Watershed decided to establish a local government-driven watershed management system to help arrest this downward trend.

Role of Implementing Organization(s)

Overall project implementation shall be the responsibility of the Libungan-Alamada River Watershed Management and Conservation Council. However, the 5 municipal governments together with their respective Environment and Natural Resources Councils (ENRCs) shall bear primary responsibility for implementing municipality specific projects approved and municipal tasks assigned by the Council. Day to day execution of Council decisions and management of the various sectoral programs in the municipality will be vested in the Executive Committees. The municipal/community ExeCom will be backstopped by the municipal ENRO, if any, which in turn will be responsible for implementing municipal watershed/environment projects.

How it works (Processes and Resources)

This project is about building an inter-local government unit (inter-LGU) watershed management system. It is a continuation of efforts began in 1986 (Executive Order # 8). With GOLD Project technical assistance, it gained momentum from 1996 to date as a result of initiatives made together by the Municipal Governments of Alamada and the multi-sectoral Alamada Environment and Natural Resources Council.

The project focuses on setting up a workable organizational structure, local policy environment, and management framework to enable the LGUs and communities to work together. At the same time, various sectoral investment programs are also managed, including those undertaken by various non-government organizations, people's organizations, other civic groups and local communities situated within the Libungan-Alamada River watershed.

General Information

Innovative Practice Name

Alamada-Libungan River
Watershed Management Program

Location

Municipalities of Libungan, Alamada,
Pigkawayan, and Aleosan and the
Province of North Cotabato

Date Started

March 1999 (inter-cluster)

Date Completed

Sept. 30, 2000

Estimated Cost

LGU Cost: P 6.4 M
GOLD Cost: P 500,650

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Project components to be implemented in association with local communities, people's organizations, non-government organizations, national government agencies, and other civic groups between are as follows:

- Organizational Development
- Watershed Plan and Policy Formulation
- Projects Development and Implementation
- Spreading Lessons Learned